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1. DEPT. ASSISTANT SEC WALDMANN ON JAN 30 HANDED TO DANISH ECON COUNSELOR NOTE STATING USG IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT DANISH PROPOSAL TO OPERATE PROPOSED DAILY SERVICE BY CHANGE OF GAUGE, PROVIDED DANISH GOVERNMENT WILLING TO GRANT ENOUGH FLEXIBILITY TO PERMIT OPERATION OF DAILY SERVICE WITHOUT NECESSITY THAT EACH BERLIN-COPENHAGEN FLIGHT MAKE DIRECT CONNECTION TO US-COPENHAGEN SERVICE BY PAA. TEXT FOLLOWS:

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"THE SECRETARY OF STATE PRESENTS HIS COMPLIMENTS TO HIS

EXCELLENCY THE AMBASSADOR OF DENMARK AND, WITH REFERENCE
TO THE EMBASSY'S NOTE NO. 93.D.4 DATED DECEMBER 11, 1973,
CONCERNING A PROPOSED NEW AIR SERVICE TO BE OPERATED BY
PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS BETWEEN COPENHAGEN AND BERLIN,
HAS THE HONOR TO STATE THE FOLLOWING:

"THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IS APPRECIATIVE OF THE PROPOSAL BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK THAT THE AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS BE AMENDED TO PERMIT A CHANGE OF GUAGE IN COPENHAGEN. THERE MAY BE MERIT IN AN AMENDMENT WHICH WOULD MAKE SUCH A RIGHT EXPLICIT FOR BOTH PARTIES, AND WHICH WOULD PROVIDE CONFIRMATION OF AT LEAST SOME OF THE AUTHORITY SOUGHT FOR THE PROPOSED DAILY COPENHAGEN-BERLIN TURNAROUND SERVICE, AS DESCRIBED IN THE UNITED STATES NOTE OF SEPTEMBER 29, 1973. HOWEVER, SHOULD THE PROPOSED SERVICE BY PAN AMERICAN BE LIMITED TO SERVICE CONNECTING WITH THE AIRLINE'S UNITED STATES-COPENHAGEN SERVICES, THE CHANGE OF GUAGE AUTHORITY WOULD NOT PROVIDE SUFFICIENT FLEXIBILITY ON WHICH TO BASE AN ASSURED DAILY COPENHAGEN-BERLIN SERVICE. FOR EXAMPLE, IT WILL BE NOTED THAT PAN AMERICAN HAS NOT IN THE PAST BEEN ABLE TO SUSTAIN A DAILY TRANSATLANTIC SERVICE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND COPENHAGEN, PARTICULARLY IN LOW TRAFFIC WINTER SEASONS. THIS SITUATION HAS BEEN FURTHER COMPLICATED BY THE REDUCTIONS IN TRANS-ATLANTIC CAPACITY DICTATED BY THE SHORTAGE OF AVIATION FUELS, WITH THE RESULT THAT, IN ALL LIKELIHOOD, PAN AMERICAN WILL NOT BE ABLE IN THE COMING SUMMER SEASON TO EXTEND A TRANSATLANTIC FLIGHT BEYOND COPENHAGEN TO BERLIN.

"THE OPERATION OF LESS THAN DAILY COPENHAGEN-BERLIN SERVICE BY PAN AMERICAN WOULD TEND TO VITIATE THE THRUST OF THE POLITICAL OBJECTIVES WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SEEKS TO ACHIEVE IN BERLIN AND WHICH PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN THE DECISION TO SEEK SPECIFIC COPENHAGEN-BERLIN AUTHORITY FROM THE DANISH GOVERNMENT.

"AT THE SAME TIME, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS MINDFUL OF THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC INTERESTS OF THE DANISH GOVERNMENT IN THIS MATTER. THEREFORE, THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL OF THE DANISH GOVERNMENT WITH REGARD TO CHANGE OF GUAGE AUTHORITY, PROVIDED THAT, IN ADDITION, SUFFICIENT FLEXIBILITY CAN BE GRANTED TO PERMIT PAN AMERICAN TO OPERATE A DAILY COPENHAGEN-BERLIN SERVICE WITHOUT THE NECESSITY THAT EACH OF THESE FLIGHTS MAKE A DIRECT CONNECTION TO US-COPENHAGEN SERVICES OPERATED BY PAN AMERICAN. DRAFT NOTES DESIGNED TO ACCOMPLISH THIS OBJECTIVE ARE ATTACHED FOR CONSIDERA-

TION BY THE DANISH AUTHORITIES." END QUOTE.

(TEXT OF DRAFT NOTES AIR POUCHED.)

2. WALDMANN STRESSED US INTEREST IN SEEING BERLIN-COPENHAGEN SERVICE INAUGURATED BY APRIL 1, AND ASKED THAT DANES RESPOND TO US NOTE NOT LATER THAN END OF FEBRUARY. DANES UNDERTOOK TO FORWARD TEXT OF NOTE TO COPENHAGEN AND TO REPORT BACK.

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